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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: ALVIN AILEY

REF: A) STATE 101290; B) STATE 102774; C) GILBERT-CARSTONES  
TELCON OF 5/17/74

1. DURING MEETING WITH ARIA MAY 20, SCHEDULE FOR AILEY PERFORMANCES HERE WAS FINALIZED AS FOLLOWS: JUNE 29, COMPANY ARRIVAL; JUNE, 30, PROPERTY ARRIVAL (PER PARA. 3, REFTEL A); JULY 1, PREMIERE EVENING PERFORMANCE, BUCHAREST OPERA; JULY 2, EVENING PERFORMANCE, SALA PALATULUI; JULY 3, EVENING PERFORMANCE, SALA PALATULUI; JULY 4, COMPANY AND PROPERTIES TRAVEL TO TIMISOARA; JULY 5, PREMIERE EVENING PERFORMANCE, TIMISOARA OPERA; JULY 6, PROPERTIES AND COMPANY DEPART FOR ZAGREB.

2. PERFORMANCES AT OPERA ON JULY 2 AND 3 DEFINITELY PRECLUDE AVAILABILITY THIS HALL FOR AILEY. SINGLE OTHER ALTERNATIVE (LESS DESIRABLE IN POST VIEW) IS TO HOLD ALL PERFORMANCES AT SALA PALATULUI. REGARDING PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS, ARIA UNDERSTANDS FROM HANNOND VISIT THAT ONLY CERTAIN PIECES CAN BE PERFORMED ON LARGER SALA STAGE. IN LIGHT OF THIS, OPERA PROGRAM SHOULD NOT DUPLICATE TWO SALA PROGRAMS. ARIA WILL ACCEPT SINGLE IDENTICAL PROGRAM FOR BOTH SALA PERFORMANCES IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. BOTH  
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POST AND AIRA PREFER, HOWEVER, THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO

PERFORM DIFFERENT PROGRAMS (AT LEAST PARTIALLY) ON JULY 2 AND 3. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ADVISE PRIORITY REVISED PROGRAMS FOR THREE BUCHAREST PERFORMANCES IN LIGHT OF PARA. ONE ABOVE. IN ADDITION, NEED TIMISOARA PROGRAM NOT INCLUDED REFTEL B PARA. ONE.

3. ARIA AGREES PAY COMPANY PER DIEM FOR SEVEN DAYS THUS RESOLVING JULY 6 QUESTION POSED REFTEL B PARA. THREE. QUESTION ARISES ONCE AGAIN AS IT HAS IN PAST REGARDING APPROPRIATENESS REQUESTING LOCAL SPONSORS PROVIDE HOUSING AND PER DIEM FOR STATE DEPARTMENT ESCORT OFFICER. POST HAS ADVISED ARIA THAT TRAVELING PARTY INCREASED TO 37 WITH ADDITION OF ESCORT OFFICER. IF NECESSARY, POST WILLING ABSORB SEVEN DAYS PER DIEM FROM GOE FOR ESCORT. WE DO NOT PLAN, HOWEVER, TO REQUEST HOUSING AND LEI FOOD ALLOWANCE FROM ARIA FOR ESCORT. TOTAL LEI PER DIEM PAYMENT TO COMPANY BASED ON 100 LEI PER PERSON PER DAY FOR SEVEN DAYS WILL BE 25,200 LEI. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, HOUSING WILL BE PROVIDED.

4. ARIA AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO PAY COST TRANSPORTING COMPANY TIMISORAR-ZAGREB. ONCE COST HAS BEEN DETERMINED AND ACCEPTED BY ARIA, ARIA WILL PAY LEI EQUIVALENT THIS AMOUNT TO EMBASSY. EMBASSY WILL CONVERT LEI TO DOLLARS AND DEPOSIT IN CU RECOVERIES ACCOUNT. POST PUZZLED, HOWEVER, BY REQUIREMENT FOR TWO VEHICLES INCLUDING BUS "FOR DANCERS ONLY". CONSIDERING SUBSTANTIAL COST INCREASE WHICH TWO-VEHICLE REQUIREMENT REPRESENTS, WOULD NOT SINGLE AIR-CONDITIONED FORTY PASSENGER BUS BE SUFFICIENT? ADVISE.

5. FOR BELGRADE - ARIA IS PRESENTLY CHECKING WITH NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICE HRE TO DETERMINE RENTAL COST FOR AIR-CONDITIONED VEHICLE TRANSPORT AILEY PARTY TIMISOARA-ZAGREB. REFTEL B PARA. THREE CITES FIGURE OF \$785 FOR BUS FROM BELGRADE. WOULD THIS VEHICLE ACCOMMODATE FULL PARTY OF 37? ASSUME COST COVERS FULL VEHICLE ITINERARY BELGRADE-TIMISOARA-ZAGREB-BELGRADE. POST EXPECTS THAT LOCAL RATE HERE WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN \$785. IF THIS IS CASE, IS BELGRADE AGREEABLE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BUS TRANSPORTATION? DEPARTMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FISCAL DATA FOR PAYMENT WITH EQUIVALENT SUM TO BE RETURNED TO CU AS DESCRIBED PARA. FOUR ABOVE.

6. ON THE MATTER OF HOT FOOD AND SNACKS, POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT PASS FOLLOWING TO COMPANY MANAGER SO THAT THERE WILL BE NO UNCLASSIFIED

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MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON THIS POINT FOLLOWING ARRIVAL HERE. "TAKE-OUT" FOOD SERVICE AS UNDERSTOOD IN THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT--REPEAT NOT--EXIST IN ROMANIA. ARIA WILL UNDERTAKE TO MAKE AVAILABLE BACKSTAGE MINERAL WATER, SOFT DRINKS, AND SIMPLE SANDWICHES DURING REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL BUCHAREST RESTAURANTS REMAIN OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT ALLOWING AMPLE TIME FOR HOT FOOD ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL DESIRES FOLLOWING PERFORMANCES.

7. APPRECIATE RECEIVING COMPLETE COMPANY AND FREIGHT MANIFEST AND ROOMING REQUIREMENTS SOONEST. IN ADDITION, WHAT ARE COMPANY REHEARSAL REQUIREMENTS AND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR BUCHAREST AND TIMISOARA? IF "DRESS REHEARSAL" IS INDICATED, POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEFINITION OF SAME: IS THIS FULL RUN-THROUGH OR "TECHNICAL" REHEARSAL?  
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